

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, August 25, 1726.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 18.

Prince Menzicoff's Answer to Admiral Wager's Letter.

**I** Received the Letter which was delivered to me on the Part of your Excellency by a Messenger. I laid the Contents before her Imperial Majesty my Sovereign. After the Assurances of her Majesty, and the Resolutions she is in to live in a good and constant Friendship with all the Powers of Europe, it is Matter of Wonder to see that the King of England entertains quite a different Opinion in that Matter. Therefore her Majesty has expressly commanded me to declare once more to your Excellency, that she always intended to follow the Measures taken by her Consort, and employ all her Cares in promoting common Welfare, both in the North and in all Europe, as also that of Commerce, particularly in her own Ports and Dominions, and for that Purpose not only favour on all Accounts both Men and Ships, but also prevent the doing of any Thing, which might be either contrary or disagreeable to a Sovereign Power. I assure your Excellency, That on these Terms, nothing shall be omitted by her Imperial Majesty, whereby she can manifest her Sincerity to the whole World. Moreover as it looks as if your Excellency was entrusted with a private Commission, we will wait till you explain your self upon it, either by this Messenger or any other, &c.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Aug. 18.

**Basil, Aug. 15.** 'Tis said that several Princes of Italy have desired the Protection of the King of France, against any Insult from the English Squadron, under Command of Admiral Jennings.

**Hague, Aug. 23.** The Marquis de Fenelon Ambassador of France, has sent his Secretary to Paris, to carry the Act of Accession of this State to the Treaty of Hanover; which will entitle him to a handsome Reward. If any Dependence is to be had upon Outsides, Monsieur Fenelon is extremely well pleased with this Step of the Republick, to the principal Members whereof, he has been very liberal of his Compliments, since the Grand Resolution was taken.

Some Advices from Turkey give an Account

that the Grand Seignior's Troops are advanced within four Days Journey of Ispahan, Capital of the Kingdom of Persia, with a Design to besiege it.

**London, Aug. 18.** We hear the late Earl of Cadogan has left 80,000 L. to each of his Daughters; and 1000 L. a piece to five of his Nieces, Daughters to the Lady Pendergrafs his Sister, his Lordships Plate weighed 60,000 Ounces, and his Jewels are of a prodigious Value.

Yesterday and the Day before, the Sum of 8000 L. lately issued from the Treasury, was distributed amongst the French Refugees, being Part of their annual Pension.

Yesterday a Party of the Horse Guards marched to Putney, to attend his Majesty, who designed to have shot as this Day at Richmond Park, but the same is put off till next Week.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Aug. 18.

**Paris, Aug. 24.** The 17th the Curate of Javry, near Montlery, was killed with a Pistol Shot, by his Nephew, who was also his Vicar, who afterwards killed himself with another Pistol. 'Tis pretended that the Nephew led a life not agreeable to his Function; and that his Uncle having several Times reprimanded him without Effect, had resolved to confine him, which being come to his Knowledge was the Cause of this Barbarity.

From the Daily Journal, Aug. 18.

**Vienna, Aug. 10.** This Court has been told by the Venetian Ambassador, that there is no Credit to be given to a Report, That the Republick was about to enter into the Hanover Treaty.

**Warsaw, Aug. 7.** The King's Equipage is prepared for his Departure for Grodno in the Beginning of September, in order to hold the General Diet there at the Time appointed.

**Ratisbon, Aug. 15.** The Prussian Minister has presented a Memorial to the Evangelick Body, complaining of an Outrage lately committed upon the Reform'd in the Parish of Grunstadt; where a Person of that Communion going, as is customary in that Country, with some Women to bury a Child in the Church-yard, without Singing or the Sound



of the Bell, was opposed by several Capuchins, who denied its Interment there, pretending the Church and Church yard belonged to them. The Count Leinenger, who is Lord of the District, was immediately inform'd hereof, who immediately sent some of his Officers to disperse the People, and to see the Corpse buried; but all would not do, for they were the more enraged, inasmuch that a Fray ensued between the R. Catholics and Lutherans, in which severals were hurt; at last the Reformed were over-powered, and obliged to depart without burying the Infant, for which they must wait till some Regulation can be made. Mean-while the Court threatens to fine the People who rose, as Disturbers of the publick Peace; and 'tis expected the Diet at Ratisbon will be thoroughly informed of this Matter.

*Petersburg, Aug. 5.* An Answer to the Letter written by Admiral Wager to Prince Menzicoff, was Yesterday returned on board his Ship; who continues with his Squadron at the Mouth of the Harbour aforementioned.

*London, Aug. 18.* Some Letters from Holland give an Account, that they had Advice, That the Russian Fleet was under Sail: But we shall not give Credit to it before we have it confirmed by the next Mail.

*From the Flying Post, Aug. 18.*

*Brussels, Aug. 18.* They write from Ostend, that Green Tea and China Ware has been sold there dearer by one Half than last Year; but that Bohea Tea and Silk Stuffs bore the same Price; and that the entire Sale of the Tea's, of which the Merchants had bought up 3 4ths, amounted to about a Million and 900,000 Florins.

*Stockholm, Aug. 7.* On the 5th Mr. Pointz, the British Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, gave a magnificent Entertainment to the Foreign Ministers, &c. but the Ministers of Russia and Holstein were not there. Yesterday the King went to the Senate, where they say it was resolved, That our Accession to the Hanover Treaty should be in such a Manner as not in the least to prejudice our Alliance with Russia.

*Vienna, Aug. 10.* Mr. de St. Saphorin, Minister of G. Britain at this Court, having sent certain Proposals to London, which had been made to him by Prince Eugene, has received the following Answer, That his Britannick Majesty had nothing more at Heart than to contribute to the Preservation of the Tranquillity of the Empire, as was very well

known to his Imperial Majesty; That as a Design seem'd to have been formed in many Places to oppress the Protestants, his Britannic Majesty, in Concert with the English Nation and other Powers of the same Religion, had resolved to oppose it with all his Might: But that if his Imperial Majesty would, once for all, cause all the Grievances to be redressed, it would be a sure Way to render the Peace durable.

*London, Aug. 18.* There having been a Poll these 3 Days past at St. Andrew's, Holburn, for the Office of Organist of that Church, in the Room of Mr. Iham deceas'd, the same ended last Night, and the Choice fell, by a great Majority, on Mr. Stanley, a Youth who has the Misfortune to be blind; but having been educated under Mr. Green, Organist of St. Paul's, and being endowed with an extraordinary Genius for Musick, is the Admiration of all that ever heard his Performances.

*Rome, Aug. 3.* Thursday last a Scots Gentleman solemnly exchanged the Protestant Religion for the Romish Religion, in the Presence of the Cardinal Polignac, after which his Eminency conferred the Minor Orders upon him, and then that of Priest, his Wife being gone into a Nunnery. The Pretender's Lady being disturbed with the Noise of the Bells of St. Cecilia's Convent where she still continues, the Nuns of Champ du Mont, offered her a much more quiet Place of Retirement in their Monastery, for which she thanked them very civilly. Mean Time we are assured that this Princess having a strong Desire to see her two Children, she sent a most earnest Request to the Pretender her Husband for that Favour, but he sent her Word, that his Palace being open for every Body, she might come thither if she pleased to see them, which is what she does not care for.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 20.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.*

Yesterday the Author of the *Flying Post*, was taken into Custody of one of his Majesty's Messengers, for publishing in his Paper of Thursday last, a Letter pretended to be written by Sir Charles Wager to Prince Menzicoff, and that Prince's Answer to it. The Reports that have been spread this Week, particularly those relating to Sir John Jennings's having burnt some Spanish Men of War at St. Andero, are false and groundless, and raised by some of the Vile Stock jobbers,

to sink the Stocks; of which South Sea is fallen to 104.

We are told that our Merchants have received Advice, by Letters dated August 16 from St. Antonio, a Sea-port Town in the Bay of Biscay, between Bilboa and St. Andero, That the Squadron under Sir John Jennings was come to Anchor in St. Antonio's Bay; and that Sir John had sent an Express to Madrid: But how long the Squadron continued there, is not mentioned.

As to what has been reported concerning Admiral Hosier, the same, as we can learn, is likewise without Foundation.

Most Conversation runs upon the Instructions given to Sir John Jennings, which tho' at present are a Secret, many conjecture may in the End produce such good Effects, as will preserve us in all the most valuable Branches of our Trade to the Spanish Dominions. And some are so particular in their Notions, as to imagine that Spain will relinquish her new Engagements with the Emperor; which, no doubt, would be very pleasing to every one here. But as this is only conjectural, we suspend our Belief of it till better Foundation.

Whereas a Paragraph was inserted in the *Post-Boy* of the 16th Inst. and in several other Papers, intimating, That the Lord Barnard had at the Assizes at Durham recovered from his Brother the L. Vane, several Estates in that County; this is to inform the Publick, in order to prevent their being imposed upon, That the whole Contest upon the said Trial was only concerning two Leases for Years, one of which only belonged to the Lord Vane, and that also of little Consequence in point of Interest; so that several of the Witnesses upon the Trial declared, they would not upon the same Terms accept of the Lease, if they might have it.

They write from Dublin, That on the 2d Inst. that famous Thief Bryan Hullen of Tournay, in the County of Monoghen, a 2d Cartouch, was executed there after having exercised his Trade 40 Years, and been too cunning for the whole Country.

Thomas Bramston Esq; Member of Parliament for Malden in Essex, and now one of the Clerks of Chancery, has resigned that Place to his Son, Thomas Bramston Esq.

Another of the Greenland Ships is arrived in the River, so that there is now only one Ship wanting, what this has brought we do not yet hear, however the South Sea Company made Yesterday an Entry of 248 Casks of Whale Blubber.

'Tis advised from Cadix, that a Saltee Rover

had taken an English Ship laden with Bale Goods, and carried her into Saltee, because she was manned by two thirds Foreigners.

*From the Evening Post, Aug. 20.*

*Paris, Aug. 11.* The Queen continues on the mending Hand, the Fever having left her, which is ascribed to the Jesuites Bark. Yesterday the Foreign Ministers had the Honour to be introduced to congratulate her Majesty upon her Convalescency.

*Leghorn, Aug. 3.* Two Days ago came in here a French Bark from Tholoun, the Master whereof relates, That the Men of War in that Port are sitting out; and that of two Bomb-vessels which were building there, one is already launched. He says also, That a British Squadron of 14 Sail is expected there, but upon what Design is a Secret.

*Milan, Aug. 3.* 'Tis talked here that large Sums are to be remitted hither from Spain for maintaining an Army to support the Interest of Don Carlos in Italy.

*Vienna, Aug. 10.* Letters from Madrid say, That our Ambassador at that Court was indisposed for some Time, which occasioned an Interruption of his Conferences with the Ministers of State of his Catholick Majesty, but that being perfectly recovered, he has resumed them again; and is in such high Esteem with his Catholick Majesty, that he is allowed an Apartment in the Royal Palace.

*Madrid, Aug. 6.* The Man of War called the Conqueror, and the Fregate St. Joseph, are ready to sail from Cadix for America; another Man of War and two Transports are likewise sitting out to carry Ammunition to the Havana.

*Tork, Aug. 13.* On Friday a great Riot happened at the Races on Clifton Jugs, wherein several Gentlemen were knock'd down and much abused, but the Rioters are not known.

*Edinburgh, Aug. 25.* Yesterday William Davidson, a Centinel of the Regiment of Delorain, was hang'd in the Grass-market for the Murder of his Comrad, pursuant to his Sentence by the Lords of Justiciary.

Yesterday also was finished the Trial of two notorious West-country Gipsies, (with their Wives) viz. David Pinkerton and John Marthal: And the Jury brought in their Verdict, *Guilty of the Crime of Sarning, and other Circumstances libelled.* But, as we hear, the Women pleading their Bellies, a Jury of Matrons was impannelled, and this Day they are to receive Sentence.

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**A. S.** The Examination of the Midwives in the Affair of the Gipsies before mentioned, has taken up so much Time, that we are obliged to publish without giving their Sentence.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

**¶** That on Tuesday the Fourth Day of October next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon, at the Sheriff Clerk's Office in Perth; There is to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, a **LARGE BEAUTIFUL LODGING** lately built, lying on the Side of the River of Tay, and at the North end of the Water-gate of the Burgh of Perth, almost adjoining to the High Street, a little below the Cross; consisting of 12 Fire-rooms and 3 Storeys, all well finished, besides Closets, Garrets, a Garret-room, Cellars, Vaults and Brewhouse, with an Oven. It hath very regular Entries from the Street, and Office-houses on both Sides, fitted either for Stables or Shops; having Entries from the Street, and private Entries from the Fore-Court, which is a Square, and well paved. It has likewise a Back-Court, and several convenient Office-houses there; and betwixt them and the principal House, a Square, with Walks and Plots of Ground for Flowers, which makes the Entry to a very handsome Garden, finely inclosed and planted with choice Trees of the best Kinds; and in the Garden a Summer-house, and Gravel-walks round and a cross it, with a pleasant Terrace at the Foot, which gives a View of the River and Salmon-fishings there, and Access from the Garden to the River; Making a very beautiful and convenient Lodging for any Nobleman or Gentleman. The Articles and Conditions of the Roup and Sale, with the Writs, will be seen at all Times, either at the Lodging it self, where the Proprietor dwells, or at the Sheriff Clerk's Office.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

### By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

**\*¶** That a **GALLOWAY PLATE**, given by the Town of Leith, value *L. 25 sterl.* will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the *Seventeenth of September* next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones English, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the same with those for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Person shall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

**¶** That for the **KING'S PLATE**, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the *Nineteenth of September* next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones English, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses to start betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed; and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags at

the Starting and Distance-posts. The Distance-post is to be Ten score Yards from the Starting-post. The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat, gets the Plate: Or, if any Horse gains the first two Heats, he gets the Plate. If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and run right, or be adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting-post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat. And in case, by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. The Flag at the Distance-post to be dropt at the same Time with that at the Starting-post; and all the Horses that are not seen to be past the Distance-post at that Time, are adjudged as distanced, and have no Right to run again.

**\*¶** The *Silver Plate* given by the Town of Edinburgh, to the Value of 50 *L. Sterling*, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 20th of September next, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, carrying ten Stone English Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost, and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Distance Posts. The Distance Post is to be ten score Yards from the Starting Post. The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Saddle himself, and to carry it with him that Moment he dismounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat gets the Plate, or if any Horse gains the first two Heats, gets the Plate. If any Horse or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and turn right, or else they are adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting Post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat; and in case by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. That the Horses which are to run for this Plate, being three at least, must be at Leith eight Days before the Days of the Race, and be booked forty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

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